(b) whether the Federation has also requested for adequate representation in the various Government Committees; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken on their memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The Federation is already having adequate representation on various Government Committees.

542. [*Transferred to the 4th August*, 1988]

Upgrading the existing hydro-electric units

543. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govtrnment have decided to upgrade some of the existing hydro-electric units in the country;

(b) if so, which of the Punjab projects have been selected for the purpose; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). UBDC Hydro-electric Project (3x15 MW) in Punjab has been identified for renovation and upgarding. In addition, Bhakra Left Bank (5x18 MW) Bhakra Right Bank (5x132 MW), Kotla (1x29.25 plus 2x24.2 MW), Ganguwal (6x60 MW) and Pong (6x60 MW) of Bhakra-Beas System have also been identified for renovation.

Power resources in Punjab

544. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 474 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1988 and state:

(a) which other hydro-electric projects are likely to be taken up in Punjab after Ranjit Sagar Dam; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) Two hydro-electric projects viz. Shahpurkandi (94 MW) and Sutlej Yamuna Link Canal (50 MW) in Punjab have been cleared by the Central Electricity Authority. These projects are awaiting sanction by the Planning Commission.

Measures for completing and commissioning the power projects

545. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the power projects at present in the Northern region in the country the costs of which have substantially escalated due to delays in their completion and commissioning;

(b) what is the comparative percentage of rise in the cost of these power projects (till date) as against the estimated cost;

(c) what are the factors responsible for delay in their completion and commissioning;

(d) by what time these power plants are likely to be commissioned and what is the estimated additional power generation likely to be added in the existing power availability in the Northern region as a result thereof; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to ensure that the completion and commissioning of these power projects are not delayed any further?